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MAINICHI :-

ASSASSINATION OF S.M.P. OFFICER.

Mr. Tan Shao Liang, 52, a member of the Section 2, Special Branch of the Shanghai Municipal Police, was attacked by a gang of four desperadoes in the vicinity of the junction of Seymour and Wei-Hai-Wei Roads shortly after 9 a.m. April 13, when he was proceeding to his office from his home. The desperadoes almost simultaneously fired at the officer from behind and the victim died on the spot from several bullets which penetrated his body. The attack immediately drew the attention of officers from Bubbling Well Police Station, who were on duty in the vicinity of the scene of the incident. These officers immediately gave chase to the desperadoes, who fled in the direction of the French Concession. In the French Concession, fierce gun fire was exchanged between the four assassins and the police officers, as a result of which a Chinese constable No. 2556 received a bullet in his abdomen, while one of the assassins was shot and killed on the spot and two of them were arrested. One assassin successfully managed to escape and is now sought by the Municipal Police.

Mr. Tan, the victim, formerly acted as liaison officer between the Municipal Police and the former Shanghai City Government of the Chungking regime and transmitted information regarding local Japanese to the Chungking Regime.

Mr. Tan recently intended to approach the new regime to cope with the new situation; this was noticed by the Chungking Regime and it is probable that he was assassinated for treachery.

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Morning Translation.

TAIRIKU SHIMPO :-

Motive for the assassination of Supt. Tan.

In connection with the assassination of Superintendent Tan of the Municipal Police, the headquarters of the Municipal Police have been conducting thorough investigation in cooperation with the French Police, but the motive of the crime is at present unknown. In some sources, it is stated that the assassination was carried out at the direction of the Chungking Regime, but the authorities concerned have adopted a cautious attitude. It appears that investigation will be started after the recovery of the offender who is now detained in the French Police Hospital.